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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: PENDING AF BUSINESS

REF.: MONROVIA 4964

1. AF HAS CONVENED WORKING GROUP INCLUDING DOD AND AID REPS TO REVIEW: (A) THE NATURE OF LIBERIA'S JET FUEL STORAGE REQUIREMENTS AT ROBERTS FIELD; (B) THE NEED FOR AN ON-SCENE SURVEY BY US MILITARY SPECIALISTS; AND (C) POSSIBLE SOURCES OF FUNDING TO ALLEVIATE SITUATION. FURTHER INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED THAT THE PROBLEM MAY BE COMPOUNDED BY INADEQUATE JET FUEL STORAGE FACILITIES AT PORT OF MONROVIA.

2. DOD IS ATTEMPTING TO BRING TOGETHER ALL PREVIOUSLY PREPARED STUDIES ON JET FUEL STORAGE FACILITIES IN LIBERIA. WE HAVE IMPRESSED ON DEFENSE THE URGENT PRIORITY OF THE
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LIBERIAN REQUIREMENT, PARTICULARLY GIVEN OAU MEETING PLANNED FOR MID-1979 WITH LIBERIA AS VENUE.

3. ISA HAS PREPARED MEMO TO AIR FORCE RECOMMENDING IT FUND SURVEY TEAM AND EXAMINE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT TO MEET LIBERIAN REQUIREMENTS. WE ANTICIPATE AIR FORCE RESPONSE WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. CHRISTOPHER

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